

OFFICE OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL (OTEXA)

Market Reports Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

Norway

The following information is provided only as a guide and should be confirmed with the proper authorities before embarking on any export activities.

Import Tariffs

Norway (with Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein) is a member of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA). EFTA members, except Switzerland, participate in the European Union (EU) single market through the European Economic Area (EEA) accord.

Norway's tariff rates are largely based on percent ad valorem of the c.i.f. (cost, insurance freight) value of the shipment. However specific per unit rates (e.g., Norwegian Krone/kilogram) are charged on a few items.

Norway: Tariffs (percent ad valorem) on Textiles, Apparel, Footwear and Travel Goods

	HS Chapter/Subheading	Tariff Rate Range (%)
Yarn		
-silk	5003-5006	0
-wool	5105-5110	0
-cotton	5204-5207	0
-other vegetable fiber	5306-5308	0
-man-made fiber	5401-5406/5501-5511	0
Woven Fabric		
-silk	5007	0
-wool	5111-5113	0
-cotton	5208-5212	0
-other vegetable fiber	5309-5311	0
-man-made fiber	5407-5408/5512-5516	0
Knit Fabric	60	0
Non Woven Fabric	5603	0
Industrial Fabric	59	0
Apparel	61-62	0 - 10.7
Home Furnishings including: bed, bath, kitchen linens, etc.	63	0 - 10.7
Carpet	57	0
Footwear	64	0
Travel Goods	4202	0

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As a general matter, Norway has implemented or is in the process of implementing most EU trade policies and regulations. To determine if a license is required for a particular product, check the [TARIC](#), which can be searched by country of origin, Harmonized System (HS) Code, and product description on the interactive website of the Directorate-General for Taxation and the Customs Union.

To determine if a product is prohibited or subject to restriction, check the [TARIC](#) for the product for the following codes:

- CITES Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species
- PROHI Import Suspension
- RSTR Import Restriction

For further information on prohibited and restricted imports to Norway, contact the [Norwegian Customs Authority](#).

For information on local customs requirements and documentation, see:

- [Toll og Avgiftsdirektoratet](#) - (Norwegian Customs and Excise Authority)

Standards

EU legislation harmonizes mandatory requirements for product safety throughout the European Economic Area - EEA, covering all 28 EU member states and including Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. With appropriate certification, goods travel freely within the EEA. However, products tested and certified in the United States are likely to have to be retested and re-certified to EU requirements due to the EU's different approach to the protection of the health and safety of consumers and the environment. Where products are not regulated by specific EU technical legislation, they are always subject to the EU's General Product Safety Directive (GPSD), as well as to possible additional national (i.e., specific country) requirements.

The following are the main regulations that may apply to textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods:

- General Product Safety Directive (GPSD) - 2001/95/EC
- CE Marking
- REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals) - EC1907/2006
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Directive 89/686/EEC (re. occupational/safety clothing and footwear)
- Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) - EU 528/2012 (amending regulation 334/2014)
- European Labelling Directives (see section on Labeling)

See the [European Union country report](#) for more information on these regulatory requirements.

Be aware that there is a national directive on prohibition of highly flammable textiles in Norway that may be relevant.

The use of the flame retardant DecaBDE is banned in textiles and upholstered furniture.

Local standards organization and other resources:

- [Standards Norway](#)
- [Norwegian Accreditation](#)

Labeling

Textile products must be labeled with fiber content and care instructions. The inclusion of size and country of origin is optional. The information must be in Norwegian. All labels require metric units although dual labeling is also acceptable.

As a member of the European Economic Area - EEA, Iceland complies with EU directives (see the [European Union country report](#)).

For additional information on exporting textiles, apparel, footwear and travel goods, click [here](#).

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